

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace page 8, lines 21-28 with the following amended paragraph:

Next, the applicant for applying for the "personal certification ID" goes to the "personal certification ID" issuing window to register his/her personal identification number (Step 202) and mail address (Step 203). For example, if any third party has made access to the issue management database, the registered mail address or electronic mail address is used to notify the applicant of the access from the third party.

Please replace page 9, lines 8-23 with the following amended paragraph:

Next, the "personal certification ID" issuing window updates the certificate database in accordance with the issued "personal certification ID" (Step 206), personal identification number submitted by the "personal certification ID" applicant to the "personal certification ID" issuing window, the mail address, the identity papers, and the certificate data. Although description is not particularly made in this embodiment, the existing certificate database may be converted into the format adapted for this system, or may be used directly if it can be used as the certificate database of this system directly. In addition, in the case of using the certificate of the applicant's registered seal impression or the like, image data of the copy of the seal impression or the like may be used as the format of the database.